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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CPRS, YE, EG

SUBJECT: IMPRISONMENT IN ADEN OF NCR EMPLOYEE  
VICTOR DICK

REFERENCE: 75 CAIRO 11782

1. SINCE REFTTEL, THERE HAS BEEN NO APPARENT PROGRESS  
TOWARD OBTAINING RELEASE OF NCR EMPLOYEE AND LEBANESE  
CITIZEN VICTOR DICK. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS ON CURRENT  
STATUS EGYPTIAN EFFORTS, IF ANY, EFFECT RELEASE OF DICK.  
ALSO REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON DESIRABILITY OF RENEWED  
APPROACH AT THIS TIME TO MARWAN.

2. FYI, IN MID-DECEMBER, DICK'S WIFE, WHO IS UK CITIZEN,  
WROTE LETTER TO NCR REPRESENTATIVE IN ATHENS STATING THAT  
SHE HAD BEEN TOLD BY CLOSE ADVISER OF PDRY PRESIDENT ALI  
THAT POSSIBLY SOMETHING COULD BE DONE TO HELP EFFECT

RELEASE OF DICK IF PRESIDENT OF NCR WERE TO WRITE  
PERSONAL LETTER TO ALI. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH  
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DEPARTMENT, NCR PRESIDENT WILLIAM ANDERSON DID IN FACT

WRITE LETTER TO ALI, WHICH WAS DELIVERED VIA UK EMBASSY  
ADEN LATE IN JANUARY.

3. PDRY AUTHORITIES EXPELLED MRS. DICK SHORTLY BEFORE  
LETTER WAS DELIVERED IN ADEN. NCR HOPED THAT EXPULSION  
OF MRS. DICK WAS TO BE PRELUDE TO RELEASE OF MR. DICK.  
HOWEVER, RECENT OPINION OF UK EMBASSY ADEN IS THAT  
EXPULSION WAS BASED ENTIRELY ON PDRY ANNOYANCE WITH  
PERSISTENCE OF MRS. DICK IN SEEKING EFFECT MR. DICK'S  
RELEASE. MRS. DICK NOW LIVING IN LONDON. END FYI.

4. IT APPEARS THAT EFFORTS TO EFFECT RELEASE OF VICTOR  
DICK NOW AT DEAD-CENTER.

5. MRS. DICK WOULD LIKE TO WRITE LETTER TO WIFE OF  
EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT, MRS. SADAT. (MRS. DICK COMPLETELY  
UNAWARE OF USG EFFORTS TO DATE ON BEHALF OF HER  
HUSBAND.) REQUEST YOUR COMMENT ON ADVISABILITY THIS  
APPROACH, AND ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS. (WE INFORMED THAT  
MRS. DICK HAS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED ENLIST SUPPORT  
OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IN LONDON ON HER BEHALF.)

6. NCR ADVISES THAT ITS MANAGER IN CAIRO, HELMI ROUBI,  
AN EGYPTIAN CITIZEN, FULLY BRIEFED ON CASE. KISSINGER

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